

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Auditor Jessica Secrease, and County Attorney Alan Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Major Gary Cook and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Wyman offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECONGINITION:**

#### ***Pillar of the Community Award***

Commissioner President Wyman presented Charlie Sparks from Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance with the Pillar of the Community Award, which is the highest award presented to the anyone in the County.

#### ***Employee Service Awards***

The Commissioners congratulated the following County employees, and Commissioner Dodd read their Employee Service Awards into the record:

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Employee</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Holly Stahl	30	Christine Oyler	10
Mark Brackett	20	Jonathon Blackburn	5
Blake Harness	20	Stacy Smith	5
Tony Bougher	15	Kody Detamore	5

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the November 7, 2022, regular meeting, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd; Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS & REPORTS:**

#### **HOWARD COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

##### ***Opening of 2023 Sealed Bids for Annual Materials and Supplies***

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle submitted the awards for the 2023 annual materials and supplies. The first item was the bid for precast and prestressed beams, which was awarded to Milestone. The second item was various grades of asphalt emulsion, which was awarded to E&B Paving. The third item was for HMA pavement and CMA pavement, which was also awarded to E&B Paving. The fourth item was for stone, which was awarded to Hanson Aggregates. The fifth item was for equipment rental, which was also awarded to Milestone. The sixth item was for diesel fuel, which was awarded to Ceres Solutions. All six awarded bids were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

##### ***Application for Federal Funding to Replace Bridge #46***

Highway Superintendent Amber Tolle asked for permission to apply for the federal funding due to the County will be responsible for 20% to replace Bridge #46 located at 550 North, east of State Rd. 31. Permission was granted for to apply for federal funding to replace Bridge #46 as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on November 4, 2022, in the amount of \$890,278.67 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Commissioners' Payroll Expenses for payment on November 4, 2022, in the amount of \$890,278.67 were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
3. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims to be paid November 21, 2022, in the amount of \$1,611,418.31 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
4. **Monthly Reports:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented the following reports to be received into the record:
  - i. Treasurer's Report for the Period Ending 09/30/2022
  - ii. Weights and Measures Report for the Period 10/16/2022 – 11/15/2022
5. **Ratify Claims:** Auditor Jessica Secrease presented a claim for Postmaster of Kokomo in the amount of \$1,200.00 for ratification. A motion was made by Commissioner Bray to ratify the claim for Postmaster of Kokomo in the amount of \$1,200.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dodd, and motion carried.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

##### ***Amended Berry Communications, LLC Agreement***

Attorney Alan Wilson presented the amended copy of the agreement with Berry Communications, LLC to include Greentown utilities.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSIONER ISSUES:**

Commissioner President Wyman wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd.  
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.*

#### **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

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JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

#### **ATTEST:**

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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